

In referring to M.M. Jurnic, U.S. Patent # 2,727,325, this patent discloses that it comprises of a base, a rigid arm assembly extending from the base and including first and second arms having spaced apart distal ends. It also has a first and second flexible cups attached to the first and second arms such that the cups face each other, wherein the flexible cups can be pressed against the arms to receive memorabilia there between and then released to hold the memorabilia. This design is constructed to mechanically turn a knob, which in turn moves a threaded shaft that opens and closes the distal cupped ends.

My patent # 09/775,525 is different from Jurnic's for the following reasons. My Display for Sports Memorabilia has no springs, metal threaded rods, or knobs to turn to reduce the space between two distal ends as M.M. Jurnic does. My U-Shaped frame is non- flexible however, it will not and cannot be made adjustable (it is non mechanical) Pertaining to Donofrio's invention, a person needs to take a sport ball and squeeze this ball between two distal and permanent ends.

In referring to J.W. Downs, Patent # 2,572,454, I believe that there is also a significant difference between this patent and Donofrio's patent # 09/775,528. Down discloses that his display device comprising of an arm assembly secured to a support ratably mounted to a base. This specific invention shows a screw going through the top of the distal arms and also specifically being screwed into an object. In relating to Donpfrio's design, I use no screw to hold any one of my sport ball to my holders. To eliminate this screw holding

concept and adding a new holding concept like Donofrio's will be a new design for Downs and functionally change his design.

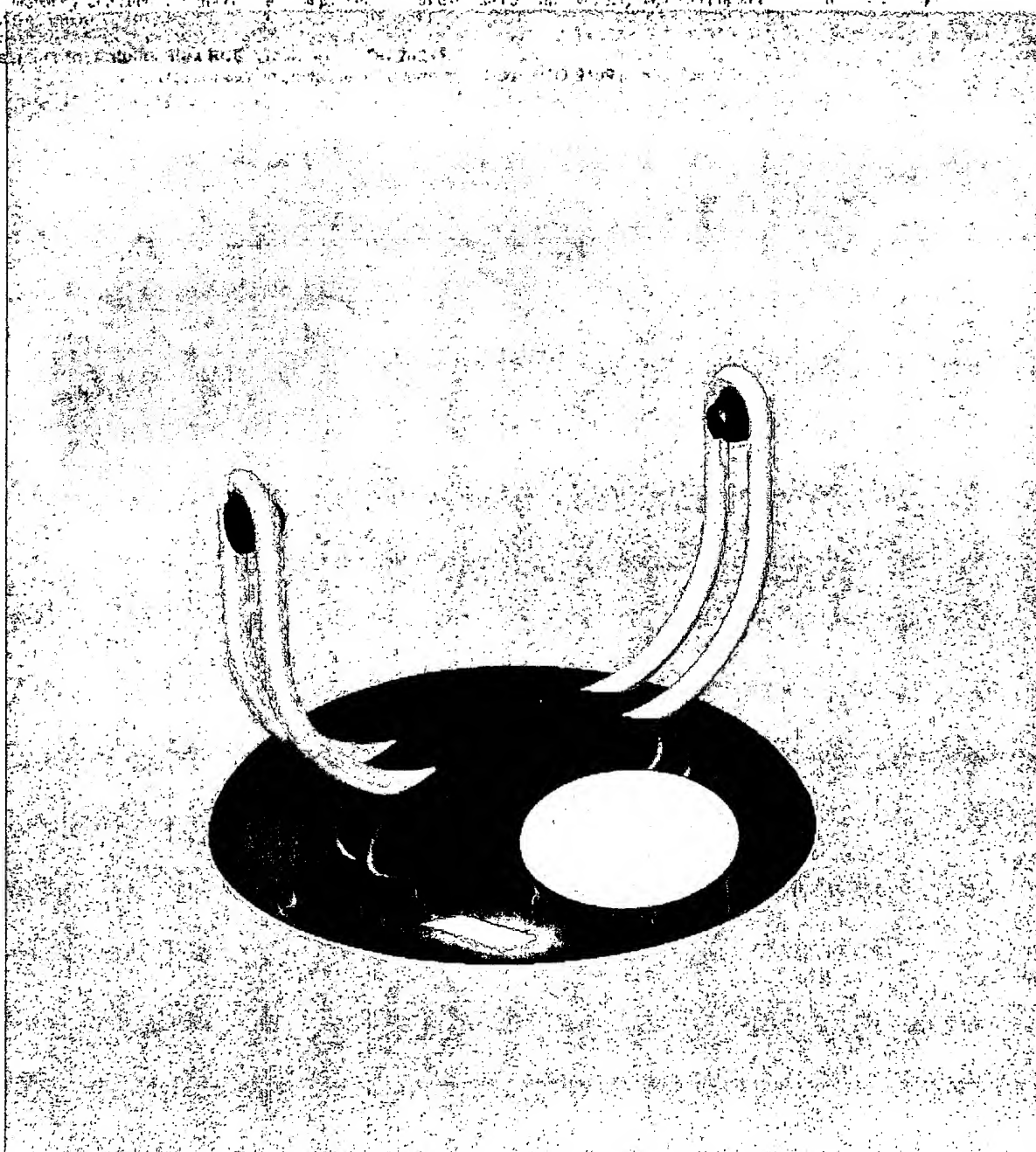
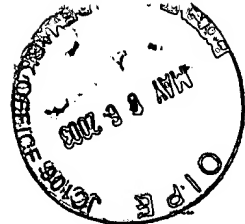
In referring to Patent #339,072 S.E. Nies, I believe that there is also a significant difference. Nies discloses a clamp device having a third arm located between the first and second arms. It talks about the third arm being added to increase the attaching engagement of the arm assembly with the structure being specifically clamped into a moveable device. In relating back to Donofrio, there are no pre threaded screws, crank or turn style or clamping down devices. Again Donofrio's has a non-flexible U-Shaped design with rubber grommets at the distal ends. A ball is squeezed into a permanent space and no clamps or turning devices used.

In referring to Woodside Patent # 5,560,579, I believe there is a significant difference between this patent and Donofrio's. Woodside discloses a display device having a base, including apertures for mounting to a wall. It also reads about specifically holding fishing game reels. The inventor relates to his holder as having a pair of opposing adjustable holders #20 and 22 secured to a fixed section. This adjustable pieces # 20 and 22 are the reason that separates Donofrio's and Woodside holding designs. Again Donofrio's U- Shaped design is not flexible and an object is squeezed between two distal end rather then having the ability to move your distal ends by means of a tightening of a pre threaded screw like rod to hold a specific thing as Woodside does.

In referring to W.A. Scott Patent application # 961,319, I believe there is a significant difference between Donofrio's design and Scott. Scott refers to his design as being a display with a holding bracket that accepts a second holding U- Shaped bracket with a single grommet like piece and a single pre threaded screw. This pre threaded screw allows a person to adjust tension on a specific item, which in turn allows for an adjustable holding device. This specifically makes Donofrio's design different then Scott's because Donofrio's design has no moveable mechanical parts.

In referring to Borden's Patent # 365,948 this patent displays a football display case. It shows a base resembling a football field. It also shows two goal posts attached to the football field base. The football ends are then rested on the goal posts and the ball is capable of being viewed. Using this design, the holder cannot be lifted and supported on a wall because the ball would roll out of the holder. This holding design is not designed to hold an item tightly, it is designed to rest a ball on an object.

I believe I thoroughly explained the difference between my non-flexible and non mechanical U-shaped design. I also believe I thoroughly explained that the other patents that I wrote about clearly are mechanical and need moving parts to function. My design is specifically a U-Shaped design with two grommets, a base and capable of hanging on a wall.. All of the patents I described have some type of moveable part(s).



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